



## **ILLINOIS RACING BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Tom McCauley, Orion Samuelson, Hugh Scates (telephonic), Robert Schiewe, Jr., Melody Spann-Cooper, Gregory Sronce, and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang, Domenic DiCera, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Pursuant to IRB rule 206.50, Chairman Berry moved to allow Commissioner Scates to participate in the meeting telephonically. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

### **LICENSEE REQUESTS**

Chairman Berry moved to approve intertrack wagering licenses for 2015 for Arlington International Racecourse, LLC, Hawthorne Race Course, Inc., Fairmount Park, Inc., and Quad City Downs, Inc. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Chairman Berry moved to approve intertrack wagering licenses for 2015 for Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. Bill McKenna, Randy Olech and William (Duke) Johnston appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. Extensive discussion ensued.

Chairman Berry moved to amend his motion by requiring Balmoral Park and Maywood Park representatives to provide a monthly report in person to the Board on their financial status and status of the bankruptcy proceedings, subject to the satisfaction of the Board. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion to amend passed by a vote of 8 to 1. Commissioner Byrne voted against the motion.

Chairman Berry's original motion to approve intertrack wagering licenses for 2015 for Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc., including the amendment requiring a monthly status report, passed by a vote of 8 to 1. Commissioner Byrne voted against the motion.

Chairman Berry moved to approve intertrack wagering location (OTB) licenses for 2015 for Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. conditioned upon representatives of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park providing a monthly report in person to the Board on their financial status and status of the bankruptcy proceedings, subject to the satisfaction of the Board. Commissioner Samuelson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 1. Commissioner Byrne voted against the motion. Tim Carey and Robert Molaro appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Chairman Berry moved to approve intertrack wagering location (OTB) licenses for 2015 for Arlington International Racecourse, LLC, Hawthorne Race Course, Inc., Fairmount Park, Inc., and Quad City Downs, Inc. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner McCauley moved to approve the following concessionaire licenses for 2015. Chairman Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 2. Commissioners Byrne and Spann-Cooper voted against the motion.

- Arlington OTB Corporation servicing the Waukegan OTB.
- Coast to Coast Food Service at Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.
- Illinois Off-Track Betting servicing the OTB locations in Crestwood, Niles, and Oak Brook Terrace.
- Furnace Room Tobacco servicing the Aurora OTB.
- Stoney Point Grill servicing the Mokena OTB.
- Levy Premium Foodservice at Arlington Park.
- Quad City Downs, Inc. servicing Quad City Downs.
- Post Time Catering at Hawthorne Race Course and the OTB locations in Joliet, Corliss, and Glendale Heights.
- S & S Food Service servicing Hawthorne's intertrack wagering facility, the track kitchen.
- Fairmount Park, Inc. at Fairmount Park and the OTB locations in Sauget and Springfield.
- Prefer Valet Parking servicing the Weed Street OTB.
- Salerno's Hodgkins, Inc. servicing the Hodgkins OTB.
- Frank GF servicing the Villa Park OTB.
- Van Lenhardt servicing the Alton OTB.
- The Foundry servicing the Aurora OTB.
- All Seasons Golf Learning Center servicing the OTB in Normal.
- Reprise Corporation servicing the McHenry OTB.
- Jupiter's at the Crossing servicing the Champaign OTB.
- Feebz3 servicing the Lockport OTB.
- The Turf Room servicing the North Aurora OTB.
- Don Carter Lanes servicing the Rockford OTB.
- Stanley's Family Sports Grill servicing the South Elgin OTB.
- Where's The Duke servicing the Weed Street OTB.
- The Saddle Room servicing the Hoffman Estates OTB.
- Players Pub & Grill servicing the Prospect Heights OTB.
- LaRocco Bros. servicing the Orland Hills OTB.
- BBK Sports, LLC servicing the Bolingbrook OTB.
- Mike Ditka's Arlington Heights, LLC servicing Arlington Trackside.
- At The Post, LLC servicing the Elk Grove Village OTB; and
- Horseman's Guarantee Corporation of America, the horsemen's bookkeeping service at Arlington Park, Balmoral Park, and Maywood Park.

Chairman Berry moved to approve an advance deposit wagering license for 2015 for Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Tim Carey and John Walsh appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve racing officials for 2015 for Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Samuelson moved to approve Richard Williams as Association Steward at Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. Commissioner Schiewe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Chairman Berry moved to approve racing officials for 2015 for Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner Bryne abstained.

Commissioner McCauley moved to certify the following pari-mutuel tax credits to be applied beginning in January 2015. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner Bryne abstained.

- Arlington Park - \$2,554,344.73
- Hawthorne Race Course - \$579,002.74
- Fairmount Park - \$81,649.96
- Balmoral Park - \$188,382.81
- Maywood Park - \$298,992.84

Chairman Berry moved to table the proposed rulemaking to create rules to determine the representative horsemen's organization. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Lanny Brooks appeared on behalf of the Illinois Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association. Glen Berman appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. Mindy Coleman appeared on behalf of the Jockeys' Guild. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park.

Chairman Berry moved to approve the following Board meeting schedule for 2015. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

- January 27
- February 24
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 30
- July 28
- August 25
- September 29 (Dates Hearing)
- October 27
- November 17
- December 15

Chairman Berry moved to approve an emergency motion waiving any notice requirements and by agreement of all organization licensees, that paragraph 55 of the 2014 Dates Order be amended to include a one-time payout of outstanding pari-mutuel settlements earned up to and including December 19, 2014, for payment by wire transfer on December 22, 2014. If Balmoral Park and Maywood Park intend to file for bankruptcy before December 22, 2014, they shall notify all organization licensees, the IRB, horsemen's organizations, and the HGCA 48 hours in advance, so the Board may address the issue at an emergency meeting. Commissioner

Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Byrne abstained. Commissioner Scates was no longer available telephonically.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Berry moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Board meeting. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

At 1:50 p.m., Commissioner Sronce motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Samuelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Domenic DiCera".

Domenic DiCera  
Interim Executive Director